



VA Palo Alto Health Care System

VA/DoD Monterey Bay Health Care Clinic

Ground Breaking Ceremony

November 11, 2013

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Master of Ceremonies

Mr. J. Alan Fagan

U.S. Army Veteran

Presentation of Colors

Defense Language Institute

Foreign Language Center

Joint Services Color Guard

Led by SSG Brian Garoutte

National Anthem

SGT Amil Harris

Invocation

Chaplain Charles E. Wilson,

VA Palo Alto Health Care System Staff Chaplain

Commander, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy (ret)

The Honorable Sam Farr

U.S. Representative for California's 20th Congressional District



Sam Farr has represented California's Central Coast for 20 years and is the 20th district's longest serving member in Congress. His district includes all of Monterey and San Benito counties and portions of Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties.

In Congress since 1993, Farr serves on the powerful House Appropriations Committee which oversees the distribution of the federal budget. Farr serves as the

Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration, as well as sits on the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs.

Farr has worked throughout his tenure in Congress to help the Central Coast manage and benefit from the closure of Fort Ord in Monterey County. Fort Ord was slated for closure in 1991, two years before Farr came to Congress. Farr facilitated the final agreement that conveyed the base's land to civilian hands at no cost and has continued to secure funds for clean-up and economic development on the former base, including more than \$65 million in defense conversion funds to start a new California State University, CSU Monterey Bay.

Before coming to the House of Representatives in 1993, Farr served for 12 years in the California State Assembly and was named California Legislator of the Year nine times. Prior to serving in the California Assembly, Rep. Farr was a Monterey County Supervisor. He began his career in public service in 1964 with a two-year commitment in the Peace Corps in Colombia.

Farr was born on July 4, 1941. He is a long-time resident of Carmel, Calif., and is married to Shary Baldwin Farr. The Farris have one grown daughter, Jessica, and two grandchildren. Farr graduated from Willamette University in Salem, Ore., and attended the Monterey Institute of International Studies and the University of Santa Clara.

Ms. Lisa Freeman

Director, VA Palo Alto Health Care System



Elizabeth (Lisa) Joyce Freeman is the Director of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. She was appointed to the position Feb. 11, 2001. She oversees one of the most complex health care systems in the country, with more than 6,300 staff and volunteers, and 808 operating beds. Further, she is responsible for initiating and maintaining a cooperative relationship with the health care system's educational affiliate, Stanford University School of Medicine, other local hospitals, neighboring VA Health Care Systems, and the Sierra Pacific Network Office at Mare Island, Calif.

She began her VA career in 1983 as a Resident Engineer at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. Later positions held include, Senior Resident Engineer, Shreveport, La.; Project Manager, Southern Region, VA Central Office; Health Systems Specialist, Southern Region Field Support Office, VA Central Office; Health System Administrator Trainee, VA Palo Alto Health Care System; Chief Operating Officer, VA Sierra Pacific Network Office, San Francisco, Calif.; Associate Director, VA Palo Alto Health Care System; and Acting Director, VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

She graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 1983 and received a master's degree in Business Administration from Louisiana Tech University in 1987. She is a licensed civil engineer in the state of Virginia.

In addition to her VA responsibilities, she is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives and serves as a formal mentor to numerous VA emerging leaders. She is a member of the California Hospital Association's Santa Clara County Section and served on the 2006 Board of Directors for the Hospital Council. In 2005, she received the VA Alumni Association's Honorary Leadership Award. She received a Presidential Rank Award at the meritorious level in 2005 and at the distinguished level in 2009. In 2011, she was named one of the top 100 influential women in Silicon Valley. She completed the Brookings Institution Certificate in Public Leadership Program in 2012.

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Remarks

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Mayor of Marina, California

Brigadier General John Cho
*Commanding General,
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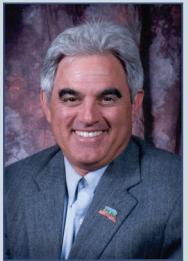
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Benediction
Chaplain (LTC) Suk Jong Lee
USAG Presidio of Monterey Garrison Chaplain

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The Honorable Bruce Carlos Delgado

Mayor of Marina, California



Mayor Bruce Carlos Delgado is a native of California, born in Covina in 1961. Mayor Delgado graduated from Humboldt State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management and was honored as Senior Man of the Year.

Mayor Delgado has been employed as a Botanist with the Bureau of Land Management since 1988 and has a passion for the outdoors and protecting and preserving our environment.

Delgado was elected to the Marina City Council in 2000 for a four year term and was elected Mayor in 2008, 2010 and 2012. He has served on numerous boards and commissions including:

- Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Chair of LAFCO in 2012
- Director of Monterey Regional Waste Management District 2008 - present
- Director of Transportation Agency of Monterey County 2008 - present
- Director Monterey Salinas Transit 2000 - 2004
- Treasurer Everyone's Harvest Farmers Markets 2004 - present
- Director of Monterey Bay California Native Plant Society 1991 - 2012
- Co-President Chuck Haugen Conservation Fund 2004 - present

Mayor Delgado loves spending time with his wife Natalie and family and is looking forward to being a grandfather by January 1st.

Brigadier General John Cho

Commanding General, Western Regional Medical Command



Brigadier General John M. Cho is the Commanding General of the U.S. Army's Western Regional Medical Command; and the Senior Market Executive for the Puget Sound Enhanced Multi-Service Market. BG Cho previously served as the Deputy Commanding General for Support, United States Army Medical Command (MEDCOM); and the first Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (G-3/5/7) at MEDCOM. BG Cho also served as Commander of the 30th Medical Command, United

States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Heidelberg, Germany; and Commander, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, which includes mission command of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, six U.S. Army Health Clinics, and one U.S. Army Health Center with locations in Germany, Italy, and Belgium. He has also served as Chief, Healthcare Business Operations, J3, Joint Task Force Capital Medical Region (JTF CapMed); Commander, Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, CO; Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC, and Chief of Surgical Services, 212th MASH while deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I. His other key assignments include Commander, Andrew Rader U.S. Army Health Clinic, Fort Myer, VA; Assistant Chief, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Chief, Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery, and Medical Director U.S. Army School of Perfusion, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC; and Commander, 150th Medical Detachment, Camp Carroll, Republic of Korea.

BG Cho is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. He completed residencies in General Surgery at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, CO; and Cardiothoracic Surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC. BG Cho also completed subspecialty fellowship training in pediatric and complex adult cardiothoracic surgery at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. He is a 2008 graduate of the U.S. Army War College where he received a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies.

BG Cho's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with a Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Expert Field Medical Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, the Order of Military Medical Merit, and the Army Surgeon General's "A" proficiency designator in Cardiothoracic Surgery.